

HOCKEY MATCHES.

The Calgary C. P. R. hockey team came up Monday night to meet the Strathcona rink at the rink. The match was played on Monday night on the Strathcona rink, the competing teams being the visitors and the home team. The southern players were not at a disadvantage in having to play on the first time on a strange ice for the first time on a strange ice. The match was easily won by the home team who scored their first two goals in two minutes after the whistle blew. The score was 15 to 3 in favor of the home team. The game was rapid but the visitors lost was through a lack of combination work. Their players were fast skaters and handled themselves and their sticks well, but they were not so much in the game. During the progress of the game M. C. G. R. players, received a painful injury through the point of a skate striking and penetrating his ankle. His place was taken by G. Mann, spare. Through a fall on the ice P. Clark also sustained a heavy injury to his knee. The playing team was one of the features of the evening. Mr. Niblock is an exceedingly agile acrobat and relieved the monotony of half time by turning handstands on the ice with his skates on. The teams as they lined up were:

C. P. R. Edmonton.
Goal Goodridge.
J. Carbell, point Robertson.
L. Oat, cover E. Sibbald.
P. Clark, points H. Hollivell.
R. Carbell, forwards McLeod.
Niblock, Inglis.
G. Walton, B. Campbell.

The referee was T. Bruce, and the goal judges, Dr. Tilt and John H. Wilson.

The score in the first half was:
C. P. R. 1
Edmonton, 5
Second half:
C. P. R. 0
Edmonton, 9

After the match the ladies of Strathcona served coffee and cake to all present. The Strathcona hockey club, in the refreshments so kindly provided were thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

An odd feature of the match was that Niblock scored twice from point and McLeod scored the 14th goal from half way up the ice.

C. P. R. vs Strathcona.
On Tuesday night the visiting players met the south side team also on the Strathcona rink, and after a closer game than that of the preceding night, again sustained defeat at the hands of the northern puck chasers. The teams were:

C. P. R. Strathcona.
Goal Colekugli.
G. Mann, point McMillan.
L. Oat, cover Benson.
P. Clark, points Blain.
Carbell, forwards Kent.
Niblock, Richards.
Walton, Ritchie.

The score was 8 to 4, in favor of Strathcona. R. G. Hardisty, referee.

All both the matches large numbers of spectators were present from Edmonton, and much interest was displayed in the games.

The southern hockey players were invited to sing over and play matches at several points down the line, but being limited as to time, were unable to accept.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Wheat.—The country market has been very quiet and deliveries by farmers light. Prices to farmers vary according to freight rate and quality of grain. As high as 65c per bushel is being paid for No. 1 hard wheat and the range is from about 55c to 55c.

Oats.—There has been a better demand for oats this week and as supplies of good oats are only obtainable in Northern Alberta, and as the stock there is not inexhaustible prices have advanced a little since last Saturday. As high as 40c is now being asked for best Alberta oats here, and the range is from 38c to 40c on track. Winnipeg inferior grades in Manitoba or south 35c. Carlots at country points in Manitoba are worth 31c to 33c. These prices show an advance of 1c to 2c per bushel.

Barley.—The market has reached a nominal condition. Offerings are quoted at 31c to 36c for feed grades and ranging at 38c to 50c in carlots on track.

THE WAR.

General Kitchener is disposing great forces semi-circumlocutively, his extreme left moving on the sea, or circumlocutively the Boers. The columns move simultaneously and in touch with each other. The greatest danger of the situation is the possibility of Gen. De Wet's appearance in Cape Colony. It is believed that some of the Dutch will resist his perusal call to arms. They think the fame of Napoleon and Wellington pales in the presence of his military genius. Among the number of captured letters is one from Gen. Hertzog to President Steyn, asking for 1000 untrained young men to enter Cape Colony and beat up recruits.

As predicted, the Boer commandos are extending throughout the south of Cape Colony, to the west of Krithzing and menacing Oudshoorn. Scouts are sent to a man in the fortification. The commandos have no intention of undertaking the hopeless task of attacking defenses. They confine themselves to "Karoo" deserts, where they rally forth and assail

weak garrisons along the British lines of communication, paralyzing the ordinary business of life.

Pretoria, Jan. 25.—The pilot and engine in front of Gen. Kitchener's train were derailed to-day near Middleburg by the explosion of a mine which was laid by the Boers.

Cape Town, Jan. 25.—The Boers captured twenty-five Cape police at Maraburg.

Pretoria, Jan. 25.—The Boers under Delarey attacked Col. Cunningham's camp south of Oliphant's Nek this morning. The Boers were driven off. The British losses were slight.

Cape Town, Jan. 25.—The authorities have forbidden the circulation of English pro-Boer papers.

Correspondence.
Cape Town, Jan. 25.—Assemblyman Totten and his son have been arrested and jailed at Uitenhage, charged with aiding the Boers. It is alleged that dynamite was found in Mr. Totten's house.

A score of Boers have been captured and Gen. Methuen has cleared Griqualand and Kruman. The invaders have done little harm in Cape Colony. They have not been joined by the inhabitants with whom they are daily becoming unpopular.

Queenstown, Jan. 25.—Eighteen of the most modern field guns of German manufacture, with carriages, ammunition, wagons and equipment, have arrived here from Germany for service with the British army in South Africa.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE.

Correspondence.
Every person out here appears to be fixed financially (that means fur) and along grub lines to get through till spring. Xmas and New Year, when they make extra purchases, develop the fact that they had here and there a martin, lynx, or bear, or some other furs cached for the winter season. And as to grub; We have fish to give away to the poor, and the rabbits simply won't keep out of our snares. Potatoes, heaps of them, Beef 8c per lb. and the poorest hunters can get out back in the bush and bring in a pair or two any day. All this helps to make a pleasant people more so. Its influence is felt in many ways. The average hunter don't have to sit down and do so much thinking as to how he can start off the trader for a little grub stake. Fur is more plentiful, and the trader in consequence is more glib. If he don't happen to be, and the hunter don't get what he wants, he can go back to his fish, rabbits and potatoes, any way. The trader is satisfied. The hunter is perhaps a poor risk and he has the satisfaction of being able to look at his shelves and see the goods, and he knows (if he is capable of knowing) that they are as good as gold, if he don't give them away. So they are both happy. As to the influence of good times on the "Pussies." They come out; people who heretofore never had a spare fish for the dog, and who would run for the bush to get away from a trader's collector, meet you with a smile that has nothing ulterior behind it, and invite you and your friends down to a time that invariably brings you home in the morning (perhaps noon) about twice as rich as formerly. The pace is faster. The dear girls are off with the first bar from the fiddle and its "stay with'em on down goes your rep."

And how did it affect the blow out at the missions. Nothing like the grub and bag of candy was ever seen in the country at Xmas before. The grub was of a splendid quality, nothing of the "barack" lay out order, but small food, and lots of it—and an Indian is right in his element surrounded by good food. It also gets him in humor to listen to some heavy talk about the season of the year. How glad he ought to be because he is alive, and to whom he ought to give thanks for the privilege. They always had an idea that they had to get out, equal to a living, (so they say) but of course they are mistaken in that. In time they will see the foolishness of the contention. But we were talking about fun. Both the English and Roman Catholic mission gave entertainment. Xmas week. They were both very successful. The performances reflect great credit on the teachers. The improvement over the preceding years was very marked. Special mention might be made of a chorus and march, entitled Patriotism, performed at the Roman Catholic mission by about 60 boys ranging from 5 to 15 years of age dressed neatly in sailor jackets of a uniform color with a Union Jack flag at the collar. Their rendering of the chorus was splendidly done, considering they sang in a tongue not their mother's. And as to the march itself, nothing considering the performance, could have surpassed it. The different figures were performed without a mistake; the time was perfect and the whole reflects the very highest credit on the sisters who trained them. The amount of patience and perseverance necessary to bring 60 small boys of this peculiar brand to a stage of perfection in any line, is only thoroughly appreciated by those who know the task. May they live long to keep up the good work, was the Xmas wish of many of us. As to New Year; Xmas is over and upon the natives as the time when the missions give their blow out, but New Year is the busiest day. The reservation visits every person else, and puts up the best grub he knows how. The traders set a table in the morning and all the first families come and bring their kids and grown daughters. The trader, if he is wise in his day and generation, will be a true native, and will into their very pleasant custom of kissing all the females. We noticed this year whether it is on account of the good times or not, that the old men grasped you more firmly by the hand and that there was more snuck to the daughter's kiss.

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